

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Pitavastatins used in the present invention include pitavastatin ((3R,5S,6E)-7-[2-cyclopropyl-4-(4-fluorophenyl)3-quinolyl]-3,5-dihydroxy-6-heptenoic acid: Japanese Patent No. 2569746, US Patent No. 5856336 and European Patent No. 304063), lactone ring-forming substances thereof and salts of pitavastatin, and the salts of pitavastatin include pitavastatin sodium and pitavastatin calcium. Further, they include hydrates thereof and solvates thereof with solvents which are allowable as medicines. Pitavastatin calcium is most preferred as pitavastatins.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 1, the triglyceride in blood tended to be lowered in the pitavastatin calcium alone group and the EPA-E alone group. In the meantime, blood triglyceride was lowered to a large extent in the both drugs combined use group as compared with the pitavastatin calcium alone group, and a synergistic effect was confirmed (K. Takagi et al.: Pharmacology, 1987, Nanzan Do) ~~was confirmed~~ ( $p < 0.01$ ).